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### Today's Weather

It will be fair, with some low clouds and westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	Low	High	Low	High
Amman	10	20	19	32
Aqaba	19	32	12	24
Deserts	12	24	17	29
Jordan Valley	17	29		

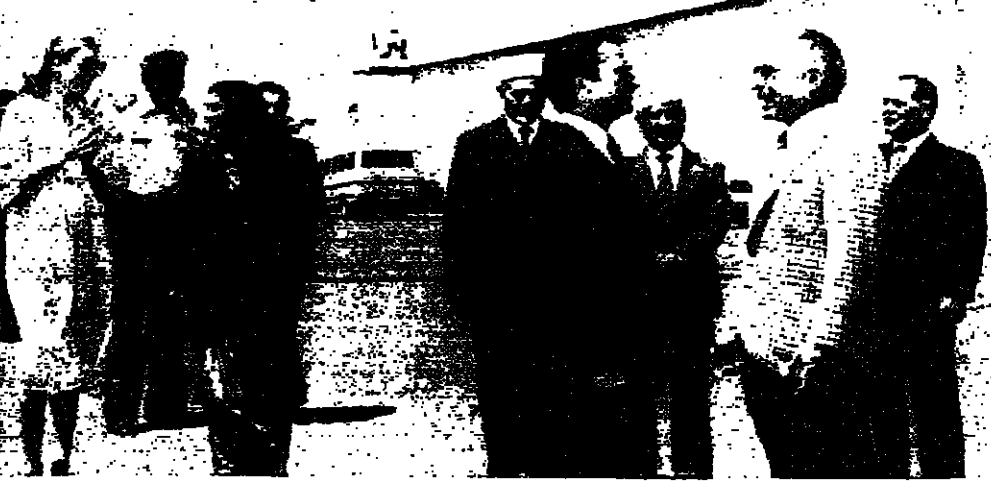
Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 30, Aqaba 33. Sunset tonight: 6:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:43 a.m.

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## Hassan takes off for Tunisia, Paris



AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath left Amman today for an official visit to Tunisia at the invitation of its government.

They were seen off by His Majesty King Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Noor as well as the chief of the Hashemite royal court, the court minister, the chamberlain and other senior officials as well as the French ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Claude El.

During the visit Prince Hassan will meet with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and will hold talks with Prime Minister Mohammad Mzali on current Arab situation and means of strengthening bilateral relations.

Prince Hassan will also deliver a speech to the cultural session organised by the Arab League in Tunis headquarters at the invitation of the Tunisian secretary general Mr. Chadli Filbi. The

lecture will focus on joint Arab action proceeding from the resolutions of the 11th Arab summit conference in Amman last year.

Prince Hassan later will visit Paris to deliver a speech at the Sorbonne on Islam and the challenge of the modern age, and another speech at the French Institute for International Relations on security in the Middle East.

Prince Hassan is being accompanied by Minister of Culture and Youth Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar and several other officials. The Tunisian ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Mohammad Abbas, was also aboard the Prince's plane.

Prince Hassan held talks with Mr. Mzali this evening at the Al Sa'adah Palace in Tunis.

The prince's party was met at the airport by Mr. Mzali, Arab League officials, the director of the PLO office in Tunis and members of the diplomatic corps.

## U.S., Soviets step into Lebanese crisis

WASHINGTON, May 5 (Agencies) — The United States and the Soviet Union are sending emissaries to the Middle East in response to the mounting crisis between Syria and Israel over Syria's stationing of surface-to-air missiles in Lebanon.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan is sending former diplomat Philip Habib to the Middle East to try to avert an Israeli-Syrian conflict, the White House announced today.

Mr. Habib, a Middle East expert and a negotiator at the Vietnam peace talks in 1969-71, saw the president today and was expected to leave tomorrow after conferring with Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The White House said Mr. Habib, a former undersecretary of state for political affairs, would confer with the leaders of Lebanon, Syria and Israel but it had no immediate information about his schedule in the Middle East.

An official announcement in Damascus said, meanwhile, that Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy M. Korniyenko was due tomorrow in the Syrian capital to begin a three-day visit within the scope of international efforts over the SAM-6 missile crisis.

The Soviet envoy was expected to confine his talks to Syria, with

which the Soviet Union has a treaty of friendship and cooperation.

U.S. officials withheld comment on a statement by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that it would be a miracle if Mr. Habib's mission succeeded, but they said Mr. Habib obviously had a difficult task on his hands.

The White House said Mr. Habib "will explore ways to defuse tensions produced by recent developments surrounding the situation in Lebanon."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Mr. Habib would listen to what the leaders of Lebanon, Syria and Israel had to say before making recommendations.

Mr. Speakes said the United States welcomed the restraint now being shown in the Lebanese situation and hoped it would continue.

Asked whether Mr. Habib's mandate from President Reagan covered the overall Lebanon conflict, he said the immediate concern was the missiles and that Mr. Habib's mission was "a decisive

step" in efforts to end the crisis.

"After he reports, we will decide where the United States proceeds from that point," Mr. Speakes added.

Mr. Habib was ambassador to South Korea in 1971-74 assuming the post after his participation in the Vietnam peace talks.

He resigned as undersecretary of state in April, 1978, and left the Foreign Service after suffering a heart attack.

Israel welcomed Mr. Habib's visit, indicating it will take no immediate military action to knock off the SAM-6 batteries Syria installed in eastern Lebanon last week, hours after Israeli warplanes shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

But Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said today Syria's right to deploy such missiles in Lebanon was "unquestionable" and added the United States should pressure Israel into stopping air attacks on Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters at the Lebanese presidential palace outside Beirut, Mr. Khaddam labelled as "ridiculous" Israel's contention that the missiles should be removed because they posed a threat to its national security.

"Israel wants the uncontested right to strike at peaceful Lebanese, denying the Syrian peace-keeping force in Lebanon the right to self-defence or to respond to aggression. This is silly and certainly most ridiculous," Mr. Kha-

ddam said after a second day of talks with Lebanese officials on means of calming the country's internal conflict.

Mr. Khaddam, however, said the Syrian government has agreed to receive Mr. Habib "because we are always willing to talk on any subject with anyone who wants to talk."

Mid-city shelling, meanwhile, erupted in Beirut today as mortar shells and rocket-propelled grenades slammed into the Badaro neighbourhood at midday.

Unidentified gunmen tonight opened fire on Lebanese Tourism Minister Marwan Hamade as he drove home in West Beirut. Police said he was unharmed but his driver was seriously injured.

## 4 Arab students held in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 5 (A.P.) — Police have arrested four Israeli Arab students and are hunting for seven others who spread leaflets defined as "inflammatory and hostile" to the Zionist state.

A police spokesman said the suspects, aged 20-23, "will be put on trial to teach them once and for all that this is no game."

Spokesman Shimon Malka said they would be charged with spreading hostile material and organising unlawfully to produce the leaflets.

The arrests came against a backdrop of growing campus tension between Zionists and Palestinian

nationalists.

About 600 Arabs are enrolled among the 12,000 students at the Hebrew University, where the leaflets were allegedly distributed to Arab high school graduates coming to take entry examinations.

The leaflets were quoted as saying, "We, the sons of the Arab Palestinian people, have suffered under the yoke of the Zionist occupation since the disaster of Palestine in 1948. We are an inseparable part of the Arab Palestinian people and our struggle is a branch of the Palestinian struggle led by the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

## The IRA gains a hero in Bobby Sands' death

AST, May 5 (Agencies) — A body of Irish Republican Bobby Sands, his 66-day hunger strike over at last, lay in state over at his home here after bloody street riots sparked by the news of his



native Twinbrook district living with black flags in mourning for the 27-year-old Irish Republican Army protester, who died at 11:17 this morning in a water tank in the hospital of the Maze prison.

Sands, serving 14 years for political offences and elected to the House of Commons last year, lapsed into a coma on Monday and never regained consciousness.

During the consent of his family supporters said he would be buried with IRA military honours Tuesday in Belfast's Milltown

Cemetery. His body is to be moved to a church tomorrow.

A huge crowd of mourners is expected at the cemetery, with uniformed IRA volunteers in attendance and a volley of shots over the grave.

News of his death was the signal for violent Belfast street clashes. Police said later that 21 people had been injured, four seriously.

In North and West Belfast, mainly inhabited by Irish Catholics of Republican sympathies, demonstrators set at least eight buildings ablaze, including shops, factories and a bank, and hijacked numerous cars and trucks to make barricades, police said.

Ignoring appeals for calm from British government officials, Protestant and Catholic leaders and Mr. Sands' family, gangs hurled bombs and bottles at security forces. Police and British army patrols retaliated with plastic bullets and some live ammunition, officials said.

Mr. Sands now seems destined to become an IRA hero. Posters of his boyish, smiling face appeared on walls in Catholic areas all over the province and his name was on everyone's lips in the last days of his life.

Mr. Sands went on hunger strike to press demands, rejected by the British government, for political status for jailed IRA gunmen.

But in London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told the House of Commons: "to grant political status would be a licence to kill.

That is why we will never grant political status, no matter how much hunger striking there may be."

She added: "Mr. Sands was a convicted criminal. He chose to take his own life. It was a choice his organisation did not allow to many of its victims."

Labour opposition leader Michael Foot and several other members of Parliament backed Mrs.

Thatcher.

But Labour MP. Pat Duffy said there was a widespread impression overseas, including staunch friends of Britain such as the New York Times, that Mr. Sands' death was due to Mrs. Thatcher's intransigence.

Furious Conservatives shouted Mr. Duffy down as he accused Mrs. Thatcher of a hard and unfeeling attitude which had spe-

ctacularly illuminated her government's moral bankruptcy and incompetence in dealing with Ireland.

Meanwhile, three other men in the Maze Prison continued their hunger strike today.

One of the three, 25-year-old Mr. Francis Hughes of Londonderry, "continues to deteriorate" in his 52nd day without food, according to official sources.

## U.S. dockers in Sands protest

NEW YORK, May 5 (R) — American dockworkers announced a 24-hour boycott of British shipping today as the 13-million Irish community in the United States reacted angrily to the death of Irish Republican hunger striker Bobby Sands.

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), bowing to calls from Irish activists, ordered its members not to unload any British ships in U.S. East Coast ports from 7 a.m. (1100 GMT) on Thursday to 7 a.m. on Friday.

It was the first time the ILA had ordered members to boycott shipping from the country considered America's closest ally.

Worldwide reaction to Mr. Sands' death combined anxiety about the future of strife-plagued Northern Ireland with occasional criticisms of what was seen as the stubbornness of the British government in handling Mr. Sands' hunger strike.

In Oslo, about 20 Irish Republican Army (IRA) sympathisers jeered Britain's Queen Elizabeth when she arrived for a four-day visit. She was nearly hit by an object thrown by a demonstrator. The protesters chanted the

name of Mr. Sands, who died in a Belfast prison today after a 66-day hunger strike.

Socialist members of the European Parliament criticised Britain's handling of the Sands case and said in a statement: "The government could have taken positive action to resolve this dispute without sacrificing any principle. We regret their failure to do so."

The socialist grouping added that it had no sympathy for the IRA and its campaign of violence and murder.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency TASS said the British government had condemned Mr. Sands to death by refusing to satisfy his demands for political prisoner status.

It said the British government had refused to give in to his demands "despite large-scale protests by world public opinion."

TASS described the Long Kesh Prison where he died as a concentration camp.

Anti-British demonstrations were reported in Australia and Greece, where 1,000 left-wingers marched on the British embassy in Athens.

In Brisbane, Australia, dem-

onstrators poured mock blood on a British flag and took it to the local office of the British High Commission.

An opposition Labour Party spokesman said in Melbourne: "The actions of the British government have brought Northern Ireland to crisis point."

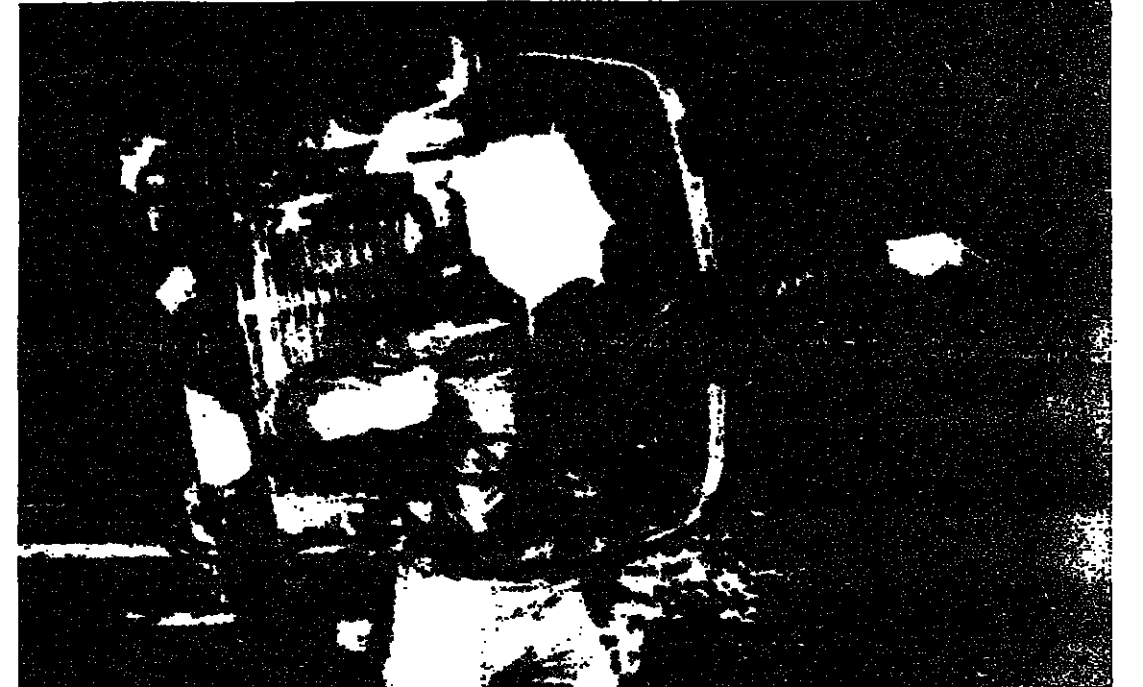
In Rome, the semi-official Vatican newspaper reported Mr. Sands' death in a front-page article, referring to his "desperate protest."

It voiced hope that his death would not provoke tragic reactions.

The anti-British protests took a more violent turn in France, where a warehouse in Toulouse shared by the British tyre firm Dunlop was damaged by a bomb.

The French Communist Party daily, L'Humanite, attacked President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his electoral rival, Mr. Francois Mitterrand, for not commenting on the Sands affair.

In Zurich, the showroom of the Swiss importer of British cars was fire-bombed yesterday, before Mr. Sands' death. The slogan "Victory to the IRA" was sprayed on the window.



Above: a Belfast youth manning a barricade fires a slingshot at British troops Tuesday morning after the death of Bobby Sands was announced. Below:

pro-Sands protesters in Oslo await the arrival of Queen Elizabeth on a state visit Tuesday. (AP wirephotos)



## Israeli envoy in Bonn plans talks today in wake of Begin's blast

AMMAN, May 5 (R) — West German and Israeli diplomats prepared for a meeting that could be crucial to deteriorating relations between the two countries.

An official spokesman said Foreign Ministry State Secretary Guenter van Well was expected to meet Israeli Ambassador Yohanan Oz tomorrow, following bitter criticism of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Mr. Begin accused the chancellor of arrogance, greed and callous regard of the extermination of six million Jews in World War II, he outburst on Sunday, repeated yesterday, was prompted by a statement by Mr. Schmidt that the Palestinians had a moral claim to determination.

The spokesman declined to say whether Bonn would lodge an official protest over Mr. Begin's remarks, and said only: "We'll wait to see what Mr. Meroz has to say."

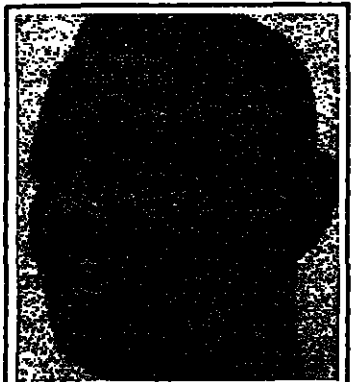
Israeli diplomats said Mr. Meroz was due back in Bonn tonight for official engagements in Bavaria. They gave no clue to what he would say tomorrow.

Foreign ministry officials in Israel had said a protest might be lodged with West Germany over the chancellor's remarks, made on his return last week from visits to Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

Although Mr. Schmidt's spokesman accused Mr. Begin yesterday of lecturing and using insulting language, the chancellor refused to mention the row in two public speeches.

Mr. Schmidt has not visited Israel since becoming chancellor in 1974 and is known to have little sympathy for Mr. Begin's policies. His stance was described today as risky by the conservative Die Welt newspaper, which suggested that he might be mistaken in setting a future Israeli government to be more flexible.

At the same time Mr. Schmidt appeared to have broad support in the face of Mr. Begin's remarks, which the opposition Christian Democrats have described as "unfair."



## Siaka Stevens Sierra Leone president to visit Jordan

AMMAN, May 5 (J.T.) — Sierra Leone's President Siaka Stevens will shortly pay an official visit to Jordan, a report in Al Rai newspaper said today.

According to the paper, Spanish Foreign Minister Pedro Llorca also will pay an official visit to Jordan next month at the invitation of the Jordanian government.

## Kreisky starts Saudi visit

BAHRAIN, May 5 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky arrived in Saudi Arabia today for an official three-day visit accompanied by a 13-man delegation.

The official Saudi Press Agency said Crown Prince Fahd welcomed Mr. Kreisky at Riyadh airport.

Mr. Kreisky's party included the heads of Austria's two main arms producers, Steyr-Daimler-Puch and Simmering-Graz-Pauker, and representatives of the Voest-Alpine steel works and three leading banks.

Mr. Kreisky will have talks, mainly on economic matters, with King Khaled and government officials including Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, a government spokesman said.

Austrian officials declined to comment on a West German news magazine report that Austria's arms industry hoped to sell Saudi Arabia 100 light tanks.

Mr. Kreisky said in a newspaper interview that any discussions of arms sales would be conducted by

businessmen in his party. But the Vienna government saw no obstacle to arms purchases in Austria by Saudi Arabia, he added.

Neutral Austria's laws stipulate that arms exports require to be approved by the interior, foreign and defence ministers in consultation with the chancellor.

Mr. Kreisky's visit follows a trip to Riyadh last week by West Ger-

man Chancellor Helmut Schmidt who told Saudi leaders interested in buying West German tanks that Bonn could not at present agree to sell arms outside NATO.

Saudi Arabia is Austria's biggest oil supplier. Steyr-Daimler-Puch has sold heavy trucks and tractors to the Saudis and Voest-Alpine is engaged in construction of a steel works here.

In an interview with three Saudi journalists, published today in the Austrian Socialist Party newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung, Mr. Kreisky said Middle East oil was of vital interest to the Soviet Union because its own oil was becoming ever more expensive.

Mr. Kreisky said he feared the Soviet Union and the United States would divide the Middle East into zones of influence for themselves.

This would be dangerous for the industry and energy bases of other countries, and therefore economic, cultural and political cooperation between West Europe and the Arab states was necessary, Mr. Kreisky said.

## Red Brigade defendant tries to strangle state's witness

TURIN, Italy, May 5 (A.P.) — A Red Brigades defendant tried to strangle a former comrade yesterday in a cage in the court where 73 people are on trial, accused of belonging to the left-wing terrorist group.

Officials rushed to the metal cage where two of the defendants, Pietro de Rosa and Edoardo Liburno, were being held and separated them before Liburno was strangled. He had turned state's evidence in the trial.

"I tried to get Liburno because he is a foul traitor to the working class," de Rosa shouted as he was moved to another cage.

The trial continued after the incident.

The defendants are being held in a half-dozen cages that resemble a cellblock to foil any attempted mass breakout. About 1,000 policemen are on duty in the court building during trial days.

All the defendants are charged with being members of illegal

"armed bands." Some are accused also of murder and assault, but they are to be tried on those charges later. Conviction of the armed-band charge is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The prisoners were rounded up in recent months with police investigators and state prosecutors saying the Red Brigades were being weakened by divisions within their ranks. They said a significant number of arrests were based on information given by disgruntled members who turned informants.

Another cage-trial in Turin with 78 defendants was postponed yesterday when one of the prisoners shouted obscenities at the court and others pounded on the bars of their cages.

The defendants are accused of belonging to another armed band, the radical Prima Linea (Front Line). Presiding Judge Antonello Bonu rescheduled the trial for May 20.

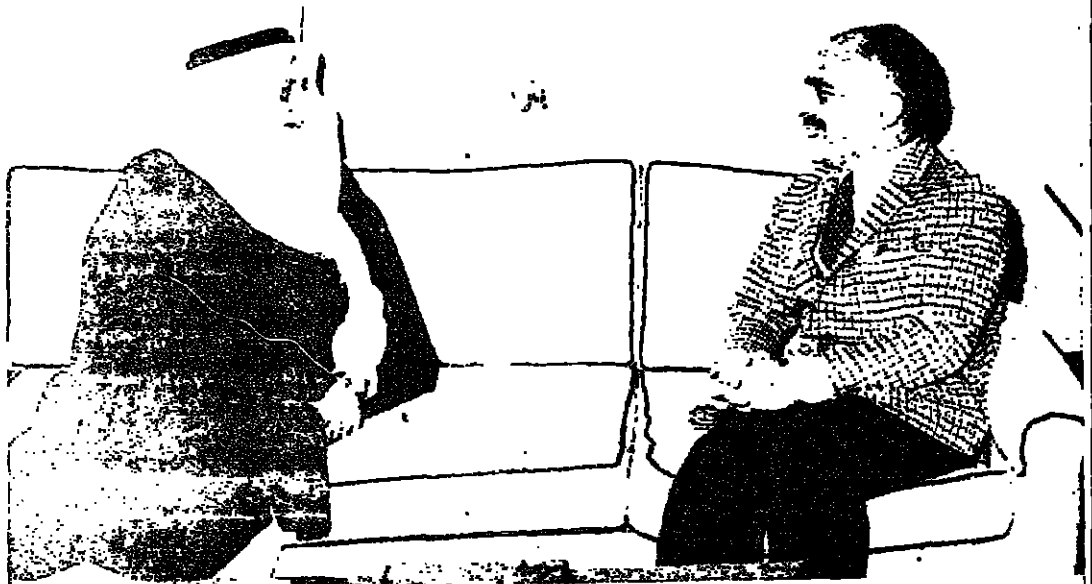


Bruno Kreisky



# NATIONAL

## King receives Saudi aide



AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — Visiting Saudi Arabian Minister of State Mohammad Ibrahim Mas'oud was received in audience at the royal court today by His Majesty King Hussein. Sheikh Mohammad conveyed to King Hussein a verbal message from the Saudi monarch, King Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz, on developments and events in the Arab and Islamic worlds and on relations between Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

## Mufti meets visiting Belgians

AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — A visiting delegation of Belgian women called on Minister of Social Development Ibrahim Al Mufti today.

The minister spoke about women's achievements in Jordan, and the role of women in social development.

The ministry of social development has prepared a programme for the delegation to tour tourist and archaeological sites in the country. The delegation will also be meeting with government officials and representatives of development sectors during its week-long stay in Jordan.

Also today, a visiting group of Belgian businessmen visited Al Hussein Youth City and met with its director, Mr. Isam Arida.

## Anani meets Chinese exec

AMMAN, May 5 (J.T.) — Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani today met with the vice chairman of the board of directors of the Chinese construction firm CATIC, which has won the contract to implement part of the Abu Nuseir city project.

Dr. Anani briefed the Chinese guest on the terms of employment of foreign workers in projects implemented by foreign companies, including the fact that the Jordanian labour law requires that 25 per cent of the workers should be Jordanians.

CATIC and the Paris-based Lebanese firm Sogex submitted the two lowest bids on the Housing Corporation's Abu Nuseir project. After negotiations the contract was divided between the two firms, with CATIC taking the construction of three lots plus infrastructure and Sogex five plus infrastructure.

## IMF team arrives

AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — A delegation representing the International Monetary Fund (IMF) arrived in Amman today for a week-long visit to Jordan, during which its members will acquaint themselves with the extent of economic development in Jordan.

The IMF delegation will also meet with officials of the Finance Ministry, the Budget Office, the Central Bank and the National Planning Council to discuss the monetary and fiscal policies followed by Jordan during the past year.

The IMF annually dispatches similar delegations to member states for this purpose.

## PLA chief cables King

AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — The commander of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) in Jordan, Col. Na'im Abdul Rahman Al Fhatib, today sent a cable of good wishes to His Majesty King Hussein on the 28th anniversary of his assumption of his constitutional powers.

In his cable, the PLA chief wished King Hussein success in the building up of Jordan's strength, and paid tribute to his continuous efforts for the restoration of Palestine to Arab sovereignty.

## Trucks to require certificates

AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate was instructed by Interior Minister Suleiman Arar today not to allow any loaded trucks to leave the country unless they carry statements certified by the garages union and the Aqaba Port Authority, showing that they were loaded inside the country.

Trucks bearing Iraqi licence plates and those in transit are exempt from the order which is to be put into force on May 15.

## 250 new buses on the way

AMMAN, May 5 (J.T.) — The Public Transport Corporation has concluded contracts for the purchase of 250 buses which will arrive by the end of the summer season, according to Mr. Ibrahim Mahadin, the corporation's director.

He said that 70 of the new buses can seat up to 88 passengers, and the rest, 44, with the addition, the corporation's fleet will total 453 buses.

In a local newspaper interview published today, Mr. Mahadin said that the corporation's buses transport between 100,000 and 130,000 people daily on 46 routes within Amman's perimeter.

Amman needs double the present number of buses to cope with population growth and to offer better service to some 1 million inhabitants of the capital, Mr. Mahadin said.

The 250 new buses, purchased from Yugoslavia, cost JD 5 million. According to Mr. Mahadin,

the first batch of 15 buses will arrive in three months' time, at the rate of 15 buses a week. However, some of the new buses will also be used to transport commuters to Amman from Irbid, Salt, Karak, Suweilah and Zarqa, Mr. Mahadin said.

## Man shoots wife at work

IRBID, May 5 (J.T.) — A 55-year-old Irbid man yesterday shot and killed his 45-year-old wife at her workplace, according to a story in Al Ra'i newspaper today.

It said that the woman, identified by police only as F. A., died instantly after being hit by several shots from her husband's revolver. No motives for the murder were given.

The man was arrested and the revolver confiscated. In Zarqa, two workers aged 28 and 19 were injured yesterday in

## Valley towns set to flush out pests

DEIR ALLA, May 5 (Petra) — Municipalities and village councils in the Jordan Valley will shortly start an insecticide-spraying campaign in the course of a cleanliness programme, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made during a visit to the region by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani, who said that his ministry will participate in the campaign by financing the spraying operations, to be carried out

periodically during the summer season. Mr. Momani made a tour of the Deir Alla, Soa Shuneh, Kraymeh, Al Mashareh and North Shun municipalities; and met with officials to discuss their regions' programmes of public services. The ministry will support efforts by neighbour municipalities to set up joint services councils cooperation with the Jordan Valley Authority, a minister said.

Mr. Momani was accompanied by the Balqa governor and several local officials on today's tour.



Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Hassan Al Momani meets local leaders during a trip to the Jordan Valley on Tuesday.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAHAB, May 5 (J.T.) — Students' organisations at the faculty of commerce and economics of the University of Jordan today organised a cleanup campaign in the public spaces of Sahab to mark the occasion of Labour Day. The work was undertaken in coordination with the mayor of Sahab.

IRBID, May 5 (Petra) — The Irbid education directorate has started on a JD 25,000 project to add 12 classrooms to the Ashrafiyya village girls' secondary school. The classrooms will accommodate 350 students. In another project, the building of 12 classrooms at a cost of JD 23,000, in Sabha, Mafraq District, will also start this month.

AMMAN, May 5 (Petra) — The Ministry of education has started courses for school teachers to orient them on traffic regulations and the causes of road accidents, as a prelude to introducing the subject in schools, a ministry source said. It added that the ministry is in the process of printing special books on the subject to be used as school textbooks.

ZARQA, May 5 (Petra) — Labour Minister Jawad Al Anan opened here today an exhibition of paintings by employees of the Jordan Petroleum Refineries Company. The four-day exhibition held on the occasion of Labour Day, displays 120 paintings by five workers, depicting the Jordanian environment, desert life, national costumes and agricultural life in the country, as well as tourist and archaeological sites. The opening ceremony was attended by the Zarqa district governor, the secretary general of the Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions and a number of local government officials.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibitions

- The Nuns of Nazareth School, in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre, presents an exhibition of paintings by the school's students. The opening ceremony is at 5:30 p.m., at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- The Department of Culture and Arts presents a photograph exhibition on Bucharest, at the art gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth in Shmeisani.
- The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16th-century Englishman. Opens from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 4 - 7 p.m., at the council in Jabal Amman.
- The University of Jordan presents an exhibition of paintings, embroidery and handicrafts by 25 university students, at the university library.

### Spring Festival

- Jordan is celebrating the Spring Festival of art in Aqaba. Several exhibitions of work by Jordanian artists are taking place at the major hotels of the city.

### Seminar

- The Jordanian Writers' Association presents the third in its series of artistic criticism workshops, entitled "Television and Film Critique", which will be held under the chairmanship of Mahmood Shuqair. The seminar will start at 5 p.m., at the association's headquarters.

### Lecture

- The Goethe Institute presents a lecture on "Coral Reefs in the Gulf of Aqaba", by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Zacher, geologist from the Technical University in Munich. The lecture starts at 6 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman.

### Films

- The British Council presents the fourth in its series of films of Shakespeare's plays: "Richard II". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. Admission costs 250 fils.
- The American Centre presents "All the King's Men". The show starts at 6 p.m., at the centre's auditorium in Jabal Amman.

### British Ladies

- The British Ladies of Amman will hold a meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Shmeisani, at 10 a.m. Creche is available.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	27,180	1,630	1,610	1,630
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,608	1,500	1,490	1,500
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	9,500	1,670	1,650	1,650
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	3,180	2,150	2,150	2,150
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	50	16,100	16,100	16,100
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	1,500	14,700	14,580	14,650
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	250	131,000	131,000	131,000
Arab Financial Corporation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	1,590	13,750	13,600	13,660
Jordan Financial Papers Co.	JD 10,000	1,380	16,400	16,240	16,240
Al Ezzahir Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,996	2,450	2,450	2,450
General Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	551	11,500	11,500	11,500
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	300	1,990	1,990	1,990
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	6,134	1,030	1,000	1,000
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	7,400	1,280	1,270	1,270
Arab Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	625	0,870	0,870	0,870
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	200	0,960	0,960	0,960
Dar Al Sha'b for Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1,000	2,238	10,500	10,500	10,500
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 2,000	2,900	1,510	1,500	1,510
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	8,644	1,310	1,290	1,300
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	300	1,800	1,800	1,800
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	11,080	1,450	1,420	1,430
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	8,595	3,800	3,750	3,750
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	2,030	4,860	4,850	4,860
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,430	2,200	2,180	2,180
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	2,530	3,280	3,280	3,280
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	263	3,300	3,300	3,300
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	650	0,800	0,800	0,800
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	500	1,600	1,600	1,600
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# An old-time craft with present-day problems

**TOR'S NOTE:** This is the third of a series of articles about crafts in Jordan.

Text and photos  
By Mohammad Ayish  
Special to the Jordan Times

**AMMAN** — "There was a time when the people here used to be proud of having Madaba-made rugs as part of their home furnishings. But unfortunately, that sense of appreciation is currently absent to an alarm-degree," says Mr. Salman M'ay'a, a prominent rug maker in the Madaba area.

A complaint aired by Mr. M'ay'a and others of the same profession seems to be well-founded, as housewives in the area have "held up their noses" at the job of spinning the wool necessary to the rugs. "The women in the Madaba and the surrounding areas have become more 'civilised', and have become too proud to do spinning for us," M'ay'a told the Jordan Times. A new attitude on the part of Madaba's women is seemingly due to the advancement of society in the area, and the new status of the Madaba woman in particular, according to Mr. M'ay'a. He told the Jordan Times that this phenomenon seems not only to have a grave effect on the rug-making business, but

to threaten to bring about its complete demise. Considering this grim situation, Mr. M'ay'a suggested that machines could be used to do the spinning work for him and his colleagues, to make up for the shortage of willing labour. The use of the Madaba area as a gathering place by bedouin herdsmen has contributed to the success of the rug industry, as Mr. M'ay'a said. He buys the spun raw wool from the bedouins in the surrounding areas. The wool is of course white; but once it reaches the workshop, it will be dyed for use in the rug; colours include black, green, brown, blue and orange. The spun wool is wound onto a spool connected to a hand-made



Mr. Salman M'ay'a proudly demonstrates the skill with which he can make a 4 x 3½-metre rug in a week.

loom. Mr. M'ay'a, who has been making rugs for 36 years, said that he could finish a four-by-three and-a-half-metre rug in a week. He added that a typical piece costs JD 60 if the buyer does not contribute the wool already spun. "But if the bedouins spin the wool for us and want us to weave it for them, it would cost only JD 30 on average," he said.

Admirers of Madaba rugs include foreigners as well as local people. Mr. M'ay'a told the Jordan Times that European tourists are frequent customers of his workshop, and they use the Madaba rugs as gifts for friends back home.

The problems facing the traditional rug industry in Jordan include a lack of working places for rugmakers as well as the shortage of spinning machines and women spinners' aloofness.

There are also few contacts between rugmakers, the Jordan

Handicrafts Development Centre and the Industrial Development Bank.

"The Ministry of Tourism has promised to supply us with the machines we need for spinning the wool, and the rest of the process would be done by hand," Mr. M'ay'a said. But he noted that nothing has yet been done concerning this proposal.

On his relationship with the handicrafts centre, Mr. M'ay'a said that he rarely goes there, since the centre buys rugs only when individual customers order them. "We do not count on the centre to promote our merchandise," he said.

He added that he had never applied for financial assistance from the Industrial Development Bank, because he is not fully aware of its functions and services.

Speaker for himself and other rug makers, Mr. M'ay'a said that a

convenient working place is important to produce a perfect rug. The veteran rugmaker works in what looks almost like an archaeological site — an old building that, despite some inconveniences, has an air of originality, genuineness and historicity.

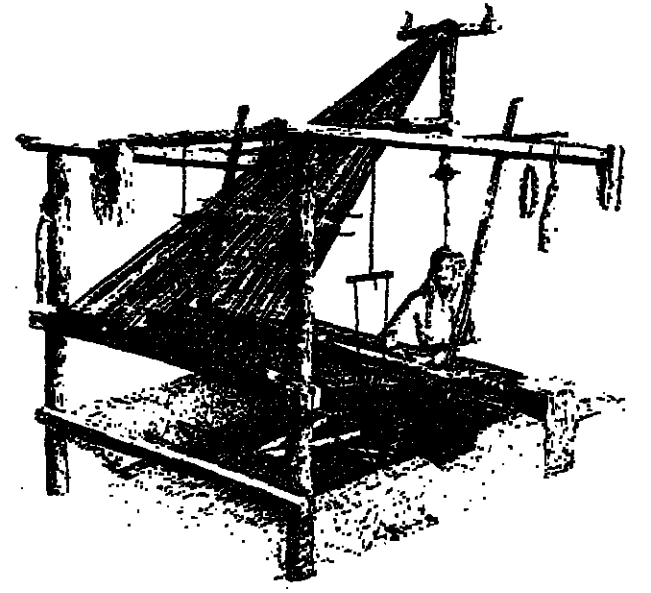
"I grew up with this place, and since I established myself as a professional rugmaker some 40 years ago, I have never thought of leaving the spot, which is near my residence in Madaba," Mr. M'ay'a said. He added that he "inherited" the rug business by learning it from an elder brother. "My brother mastered the craft by serving an apprenticeship with another rugmaker," he said.

Mr. M'ay'a, who feels himself a

master of the craft he inherited and has practised for more than three decades, says he is sure to pass it into his children of the new "urbanised" generation. At his humble "antique" workshop in the centre of Madaba, he has the help of two sons who, he says, replace him at the loom when he is away.

Such an arrangement seems to assert the Jordanian people's intention to keep their traditional crafts alive despite the grave problems they face and what they see as the negligence of the concerned authorities, said one Madaba resident who is a frequent caller at Mr. M'ay'a's workshop and knows about the present status of the business.

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Mr. M'ay'a's workshop is housed in a building tacked onto some of the ancient remains of Madaba.



Mr. M'ay'a has been in the rugmaking business for some 40 years.

# Incredible one-man show performs in Jerash Friday

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

**AMMAN** — On Friday, May 8, the Roman amphitheatre at Jerash will once more become a living stage as actor and one-man theatre Brian Barnes will be performing a solo show entitled "The Ides of March".

The show is a selection from one of the most famous of Shakespeare's plays — and in its case, a highly suitable one — "Julius Caesar".

The show, starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, will be the first time in his career as a one-man theatre that Mr. Barnes will perform a genuine Roman amphitheatre; and he is having to use his techniques as a consequence. The vast open spaces of Roman structure call for more dramatic speeches such as Mark Antony's "Friends, Romans, countrymen" funeral oration, rather than the conversations which are performed in more intimate theatres.

Barnes will make no further addition to his performance, period over the years since 1966, as he first turned his attention to one-man theatre. He sticks to the basic principle of making it simple and of letting the audience's imagination do the work of creating the setting while Barnes creates, with lightning effects of voice, the characters. He will wear a neutral assistance-type costume; there are no sound effects and few props, as Mr. Barnes feels that if there are too many changes they serve to distract the audience rather than enhance the show.

On Thursday, Mr. Barnes is giving a "lecture/lecture" at the British Council in Amman, demonstrating how Shakespeare used words in different ways — how could not only write very amusing plays but how he could inter-

duce comedy right in the middle of tragedy.

Mr. Barnes is also an authority on the history of theatre; and on Saturday he will give a lecture illustrated with slides on "Elizabethan Theatre," bringing in Shakespeare's references to plays and the theatre.

Mr. Barnes hopes that "Over the three events the audience will get something of the whole of Shakespeare's genius, presented in the different ways."

Mr. Barnes started off in the British theatre tradition in repertory, but as he always wanted an international career, he left to study his craft in a German theatre in Switzerland. Having learnt German, he then went on to study stage direction in Strasbourg, which eventually gained him the post of technical director in a French theatre. He thus became an actor/director fluent in both French and German.

Mr. Barnes started his solo career in Germany, whence it snowballed into his present busy round of world tours, on which he travels up to nine or ten months in the year. Ninety-nine per cent of his work is outside his native U.K., mostly with British Councils around the world.

Mr. Barnes believes he must hold something of a record, as he has been seven times around the world, and has performed in 65 different countries.



Brian Barnes displays astonishing versatility in such performances as "Eric a Brac" (above) and "The Incredible Samuel Pepys" (below)

Many people may remember Mr. Barnes' last visit to Amman, in 1978. Since then he has been performing in France, Germany and Holland; his present tour started in Yugoslavia, and will carry him on to Bahrain and Doha before he returns to Aqaba and Amman.

On May 28, he will perform at the British Council "The Incredible Samuel Pepys". In full 17th-century period costume, complete with periwig, Mr. Barnes will act out the most amusing and dramatic scenes from the nine years of diaries kept by the incorrigible Mr. Pepys — scenes like the Great Plague, the purging fire of London and the coronation of Charles II. In "Mr. Pepys", Mr.



Barnes runs the gamut — singing, dancing, playing the pipe, violin and guitar, and even dressing as a lady!

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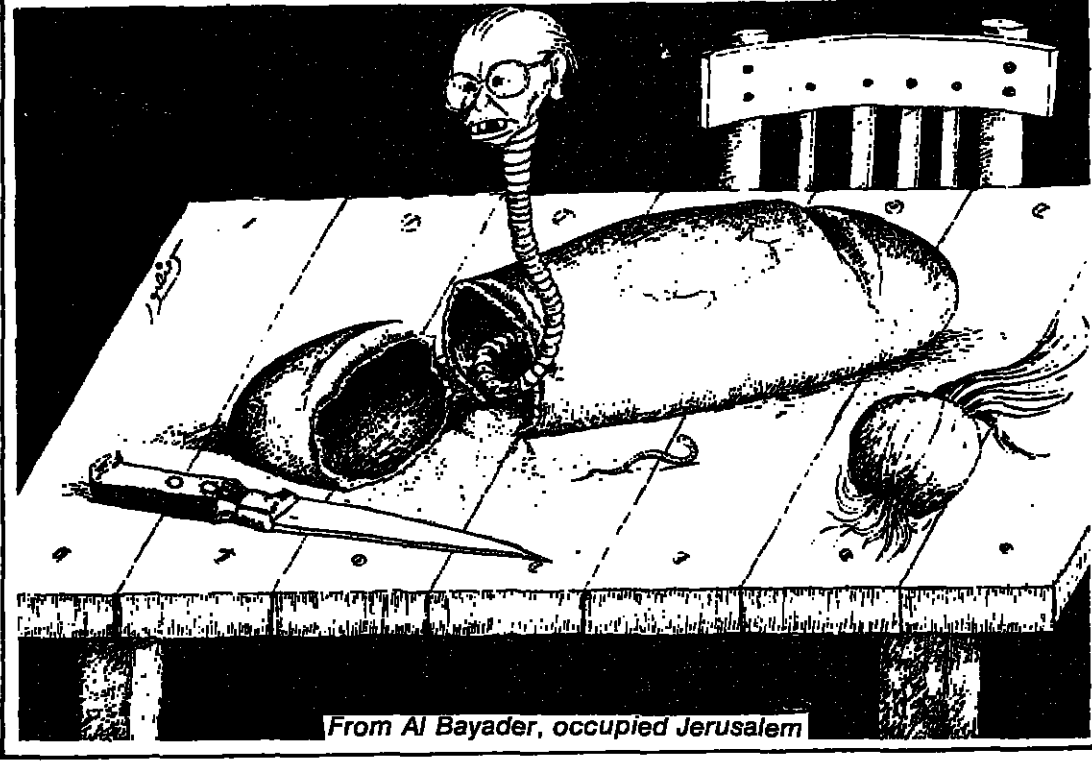
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From Al Bayader, occupied Jerusalem

# Eyewitness account of Israeli attack on Liberty

Assault on the Liberty  
By James M. Ennes, Jr. *Rundam House, New York, 1979, 301 pp., \$12.95, cloth.*

James Ennes, Jr., served as lieutenant among the officers of the U.S.S. Liberty on her fatal voyage; he was on watch at the bridge during the day of the attack, and was one of the first casualties. He is therefore able to provide a reliable account of the Israeli surveillance that preceded the assault, and, although his wounds prevented him from seeing anything further of the attackers, he has pieced the whole story together from the testimony of many shipmates.

1967, the day in question. Mr. Ennes also states that there were no fewer than eight reconnaissance flights by Israeli aircraft from 6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Liberty time). At 2:00 p.m. three Israeli torpedo boats were sighted on radar, having left Ashdod about two hours earlier. In preparation for their arrival, Israeli Mirage jets raked the Liberty with rockets and machine-gun fire to disable the ship's radio antennae and clear its personnel from the decks. These were followed by Mystere jets, which delivered more rockets and canisters of napalm. Some of the napalm, collected by a crew member, was among the evidence received by the court of inquiry only to be suppressed as "top secret."

By the time the torpedo boats arrived, the Liberty was defenseless, but still able to escape the first torpedo despite heavy machine-gun fire. A second torpedo evidently missed as well, but the third opened a 40-foot hole in the starboard side. The torpedo boats circled for three-quarters of an hour, continuing to rake their victims with machine-gun fire. When the few surviving life-rafts were inflated, these too were machine-gunned, except for one raft, which was taken aboard by the attackers.

Even from so summary an account it will be apparent to those who have read Anthony Pearson's book, "Conspiracy of Silence: The Attack on the U.S.S. Liberty" that the attack was more carefully prepared than one could have learned from the report issued by the Court of Inquiry, and that the efforts to destroy the ship and crew were more deliberate.

One new puzzle is introduced, however. The attacking boats departed, and Israeli helicopters arrived for a final reconnoitering, before American jets had been dispatched to help the Liberty, about a half hour later. By that time Israel had begun to issue apologies and our rescue planes were called back. Although the author offers no explanation, one can only conclude that the torpedo boats (or helicopters) had indicated to their command that the ship was not going to sink before

## The long road

THERE CAN be few developments taking place in Jordan today that are more significant, in the long run, than the gradual expansion of the social security system for workers. By the end of this year, Social Security Corporation director Farhi Ubeid has announced, about 123,000 workers will be covered by the system's benefits. While the spread of social security benefits is not the sort of thing that causes people to run into the streets waving flags and pounding their chests with jubilation, it is very much the sort of institution — building that has to take place in Jordan on a vast scale to transform the basis of the economy from one of personal control by individuals and small groups into a legally sanctioned web of economic forces whose ultimate beneficiary is the Jordanian citizen — worker, manager or owner. One of the reasons for the traditional outflow of Jordanian workers to the Gulf states or to the West has always been the poor legal status that workers enjoyed here at home. Low domestic wages — compared to greener financial pastures elsewhere — have certainly played a role in the emigrant worker phenomenon. In the final analysis, however, the worker who leaves his or her own country does so because there are greater benefits to be had by so doing. The large-scale importation of foreign workers into Jordan today is only postponing the inevitable — a more equitable wages structure for our own workers, better training and advancement opportunities, incentives based on one's skills and performance and the peace of mind that comes with a social security scheme. The road is long. We have just begun.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'IA:** Those who follow the role played by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam in Lebanon cannot but inquire about the new chapter in the Lebanon tragedy which is being prepared by the foreign minister of the Syrian regime.

His meetings with the Falangist leaders raise the question whether the talk of the head of the Syrian regime is merely for local consumption, or whether the same regime has reviewed its calculations vis-a-vis the Falangists.

In any case, the upshot is that the game which Mr. Khaddam is playing is not outside the framework of the Syrian regime's practices in Lebanon, which depend on transient alliances with various forces there to pit them against one another and to support one against the other, so it becomes any enemy of a former ally against a former friend, and vice versa.

While Mr. Khaddam is coming back to play the role of the "wise man" or the "judge" in the midst of the conflagration, it is time for the Lebanese to realize that they are capable of mending their own affairs by themselves, and to rise above the tragedies from which they have suffered for many years.

Unless the Lebanese rush to deal with their wounds themselves, no-one will be surprised if Mr. Khaddam's role in Lebanon leads to a new alliance, or the renewal of an old alliance, among factions in Lebanon, with the blessing and support

of the Syrian regime and its participation.

**AL DUSTOUR:** The many dangers posed to the Arab Nation from every side should not make us forget the new and dangerous challenge which Israel is imposing on us by its intention to open a canal linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea. The project poses economic, military and political dangers, and is a test of the Arab will. Israel is serious about implementing the project, and is determined to do so. After the completion of studies, Israel has begun seeking the necessary funds to finance the project. Consequently, it has gone beyond the planning phase to the phase of implementation. The Arabs have now no choice but to confront this Israeli step with a firm stand, and practical measures to prevent the implementation of the project.

In the face of this serious development, the Arabs should take decisive measures capable of stopping Israel from implementing this project and preventing any state from participating in it. The first step to secure the success of these measures is Arab solidarity and joint Arab action free of emotionalism and differences, because this will secure the success of the Arab position and the support of the Islamic states and the world. Otherwise, the Arab Nation would be giving the whole world evidence that it is following a path of defeatism in the face of a big danger threatening the present, the future and the existence of the Arabs.

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Cucumber (large)	100	70	red waxed)	430	430
Peas	130	100	Apples (Double Red)	290	240
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Potatoes (local)	130	100	Apples (Gulden)	250	170
Lettuce (head)	60	60	Oranges (Shammouti)	190	190
Cauliflower	160	120	Oranges (Valencia)	120	120
Bell pepper	230	160	Oranges (Waxed)	120	120
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Spinach	120	90	Lemon	230	170
Onions (dry)	90	70	Cocunut (piece)	200	200
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Garlic	140	140			

**FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1981**

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A good day and evening to see that your property and possessions are in the best possible condition. Try to be more cheerful.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** It would be wise to permit a good friend to help you solve a personal problem. Don't spend more money now than you can afford.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Study your position in life and know if it would be wise to make any changes. Any public duties should be handled cleverly.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Go after personal goals in a positive fashion and you gain them easily now. Sidestep one who wants to slow up your progress.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Confer with an expert who can help you gain a personal aim. Relax at home tonight and keep out of trouble.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Listening and following ideas of associates brings good results now. Take the right steps to improve your health.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21)** Know what your greatest aims are and go after them in a positive manner. Don't waste time on trivial matters.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** You have fine ideas that should be put in operation without delay. Come to a better understanding with a close tie.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** The mood at home could be changing rapidly, so be sure that you at least are steadfast. Be careful of strangers.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** A better understanding about regular routines with associates can be reached now. Steer clear of trouble.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Put more zip into your regular activities and accomplish a great deal. Don't take your mate so much for granted.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Go after your aims in a more sure and up-to-date way and gain them. Planning recreational activities for the future is wise.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Study new systems that will help you advance in your line of endeavor. Take no chances with your reputation or your money.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY** ... he or she will possess many talents and the ability to handle projects of large scope, so be sure to send to modern type schools that will help steer your progeny to success. Give good ethical training. Sports are fine here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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# MIDDLE EAST

## Jalloud: U.S. pushes us into Soviet camp

AMMAN, May 5 (A.P.) — Libya's ability to protect Lebanon and Syria against Israel attacks, Mr. Jalloud said "no one can prevent us in the last resort to die in defence of our cause."

Mr. Jalloud claimed that Libya's intelligence was instrumental in aborting the recent coup in Mauritania. "Our intelligence service is competent," he said. "We depend on Islamic minorities, students and national movements in Africa. They feed us with information. Our intelligence knew about the coup well before it was staged. We tipped off the Mauritanian government."

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Mr. Jalloud was quoted today as saying that Libya "cannot remain neutral because of strong American pressure."

He is not keen on re-establishing diplomatic relations with Washington, Mr. Jalloud said in an interview. "Our recent call (by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi) for a normalization of relations with the United States was by no means a mere gesture."

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By Margi Bryant

The war between Iran and Iraq is the headlines around the world. The main source of international concern has been the oil industry and the area's rapidly growing populations. The Assistant Editor of Earthscan reviews what can be done to protect one of the world's most fragile environments.

almost unnoticed, casualty of the war would have even longer-lasting consequences. A meeting of scientists and government officials from the eight countries surrounding the Gulf was due to take place in Kuwait last October. Because of the conflict, it was indefinitely postponed.

## Gandhi urges powers to quit the Gulf

KUWAIT, May 5 (A.P.) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi denounced the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan and urged the super-powers to quit the oil-rich Gulf region, according to an interview published here today.

"One military presence (in the Gulf) automatically attracts another," Mrs. Gandhi was quoted as saying in an interview with the English-language newspaper Kuwait Times and the Arabic daily Al Qabas.

Asked to comment on the newly-created Gulf Cooperation Council, Mrs. Gandhi said "If it is a grouping against something, then it will invite reaction... which could grow into confrontation."

"On the other hand, the council will have positive results if the idea is for each country to strengthen itself and remain independent," she said.

Asked about U.S. plans to arm Pakistan, she said "It would be very unfair of us to deprive Pakistan of its legitimate defence needs. But what we are concerned about is the motive behind this help, and whether this (U.S.) help will intensify the atmosphere of confrontation in the larger context."

Mrs. Gandhi said India was

"very friendly" with both Iraq and Iran, as "we are getting most of our oil from them."

"We are anxious that the war should end, and they are both unhappy with us for not taking sides," she told the papers. "But we feel that taking sides at this stage will not help the situation."

## Rafael Eitan's son killed in air crash

TEL AVIV, May 5 (AP) — Maj. Yoram Eitan, 26, the fighter pilot son of Israel's chief of staff Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, was killed yesterday during manoeuvres.

The military command would not provide further details of the incident, but said that Mr. Eitan was the only casualty of the crash.

Mr. Eitan was married two weeks ago to Miss Ofir Lev. He was to be buried today in a military funeral at the Eitan's home in Moshav Tel Adashim.

## Bedouin system to be revived in M.E. nature protection

GLAND, Switzerland, May 5 (R) — Revival of an ancient bedouin system of nature protection could help stop the spread of deserts in the Middle East, an international conservation organisation said today.

The Swiss-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) said it would call for a revival of the bedouin *hema* system of reserves at a United Nations meeting of Middle East governments opening in Damascus next weekend.

*Hemas* were reserves used for grazing, kept for periods of drought or used to protect wildlife

and flowers for bee-keeping. But the system crumbled in the face of population growth and overgrazing, as well as government policies of settling nomads, IUCN said.

"A modern-day version of the *hema* system could help governments combat desertification and improve the standard of living of people in the region," said Dr. Hartmut Jungius of IUCN in a statement.

IUCN has helped establish reserves in cooperation with the Jordan and Oman governments. Saudi Arabia has signed a \$300,000 agreement for IUCN to advise on a wide-ranging programme to protect and manage its natural resources.

A recent report by the U.N. economic commission for the region had questioned the wisdom of settling nomads, IUCN noted.

"Animal husbandry as practiced by the bedouins may be the best adaptation to arid land," the report said. Only a fraction of the marginal land used by nomads could be irrigated or farmed, it said.

IUCN said *hema*-like reserves could help protect the Middle East's threatened relatives of domestic crops, such as wild wheat and oats, pistachio, lentil, sorghum and cotton.

whole marine environment, and could find their way, through desalination, into drinking water. One factory in Kuwait, releasing over a ton of mercury a year, is close to the intake point of the Shuwaikh desalination plant.

By far the biggest single source of marine pollution are the giant supertankers which, before the war, thronged through the Straits of Hormuz at the rate of 100 a day. Empty tankers carry water as ballast, which they pump out into the sea before loading with oil. The discharged water is strongly contaminated with oil: tankers going to Saudi oil terminals alone are thought to dump 400,000 tons of oil in the sea.

Most tankers on their way to the Gulf wait for a vacant berth just outside the Straits of Hormuz. When the order to move comes, they deballast immediately. As a result, Oman complains that its superb beaches on the Arabian Sea — potentially a prime tourist attraction — are becoming contaminated with tar.

Forward thinking about the environment will be essential once the war is over. The Gulf's economic boom is based almost entirely on oil, and diversification is essential. But a severely damaged environment will not indefinitely be able to support industrial growth.

## MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

### Iran 'takes good care' of captive crewmen

TEHRAN, May 5 (R) — The crew of a survey ship seized by the Iranian navy last week is being well looked after, diplomats in Tehran said today. They said they had received assurances of this from Iranian officials, who said the ship, the Panamanian-registered Western Sea, was at the Iranian port of Bushire. Two of the 19 crew were ashore, the officials said, but there was no information who they were. Earlier diplomatic sources said the ship was held at Iran's Kharg island oil terminal, but this was incorrect, according to the officials. The Western Sea, with 11 Britons including the captain, four Filipinos, three Maltese and one Dutchman aboard, was seized last Thursday while on charter to the Kuwait National Oil Company. Diplomats said clarification of whether the vessel had been seized in Kuwaiti waters or had violated Iranian waters was needed before moves to secure its release could go ahead. Iran is demanding an official apology from Kuwait before releasing the ship. Iran's Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs, Mohammad Hashemi, said the Western Sea came to the area on April 5 and Iran warned Kuwait the vessel was in its waters. Quoted by state television last night, he said Kuwait replied that the ship would move on April 15. He said Iran then received an official note from Kuwait saying the vessel was in Kuwaiti waters and that the demarcation line was unclear. This prompted a second warning from Iran saying it was in an area declared a war zone by Tehran at the start of the conflict with Iraq last September. "They (the Kuwait government) had paid no attention to Iran's note by April 30, so Iranian naval forces detained the ship," Mr. Hashemi was quoted as saying.

### Iranian verdict on held Briton to be issued soon

BEIRUT, May 5 (A.P.) — The Iranian judiciary is to issue a verdict soon on the case of a British businessman held in Iran for the past year. Tehran radio quoted Iran's deputy prime minister as saying today. The radio said the Swedish charge d'affaires, whose embassy represents British interests in Iran, met with Deputy Premier Mohammad Hashemi Rafsanjani yesterday inquiring about Mr. Andrew Pyke, 37, an executive for an Iranian-Dutch helicopter company. Mr. Pyke was arrested and imprisoned in Iran last August on spying charges. Mr. Hashemi Rafsanjani told the Swedish diplomat that the judicial officials will continue their investigation on the case and will soon issue their verdict, the radio said. The Iranian official said under the principles and laws of the Islamic republic of Iran no one can be prosecuted, detained or punished without reason, the radio added. Mr. Pyke was in jail together with three British missionaries on the same charges. But the three were released on Feb. 27 after appeals from the Church of England.

### Iran wants U.S. out of Muslim states

TEHRAN, May 5 (R) — The United States is Iran's chief enemy and one aim of the Islamic revolution is to drive America out of other Islamic countries, a senior Iranian government official was quoted today as saying. Mr. Mohammad Hashemi, deputy prime minister for political affairs, outlined Iran's foreign policy in an interview published by the English-language newspaper Tehran Times. According to the interview, Iran's foreign policy was based on Islamic values, rejected any compromise with the superpowers and supported the liberation movements in Africa, Asia and Latin America. "At the moment we regard America as the great Satan, the greatest enemy of the Islamic revolution..." Victory of the Islamic revolution will be when we succeed in driving out... America even from the other Islamic countries... "Almost all conspiracies against the Islamic republic are somehow connected with the United States, either directly or indirectly," Mr. Hashemi was quoted as saying. Mr. Hashemi, brother of a founder member of the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP), said Iran's foreign policy would now centre on relations with Asian, Latin American and African countries. He was quoted as adding: "Africans are deprived people. They have started to fight against world exploiters... Other aims included liberating Jerusalem and Palestinian territories occupied by Israel, he said.

### Amir of Bahrain back home

MANAMA, May 5 (A.P.) — The Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, returned home today after a nine-day visit to India and cooperation talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

# Pollution — the real threat to the Gulf

THE MEETING was to decide on the next stage of the Kuwait Action Plan (KAP) — an eight-nation programme to sound development in the Gulf. The KAP, proposed by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) in 1976, is part of a worldwide campaign to combat pollution in 10 endangered seas — including, besides the Gulf, the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Caribbean. A formal treaty was signed in April 1978 by Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Two teams of scientists from UNEP have visited the Gulf in the past year, producing some startling estimates of environmental danger. Their results were to have been reviewed, and decisions taken on which projects to tackle first, at the October meeting.

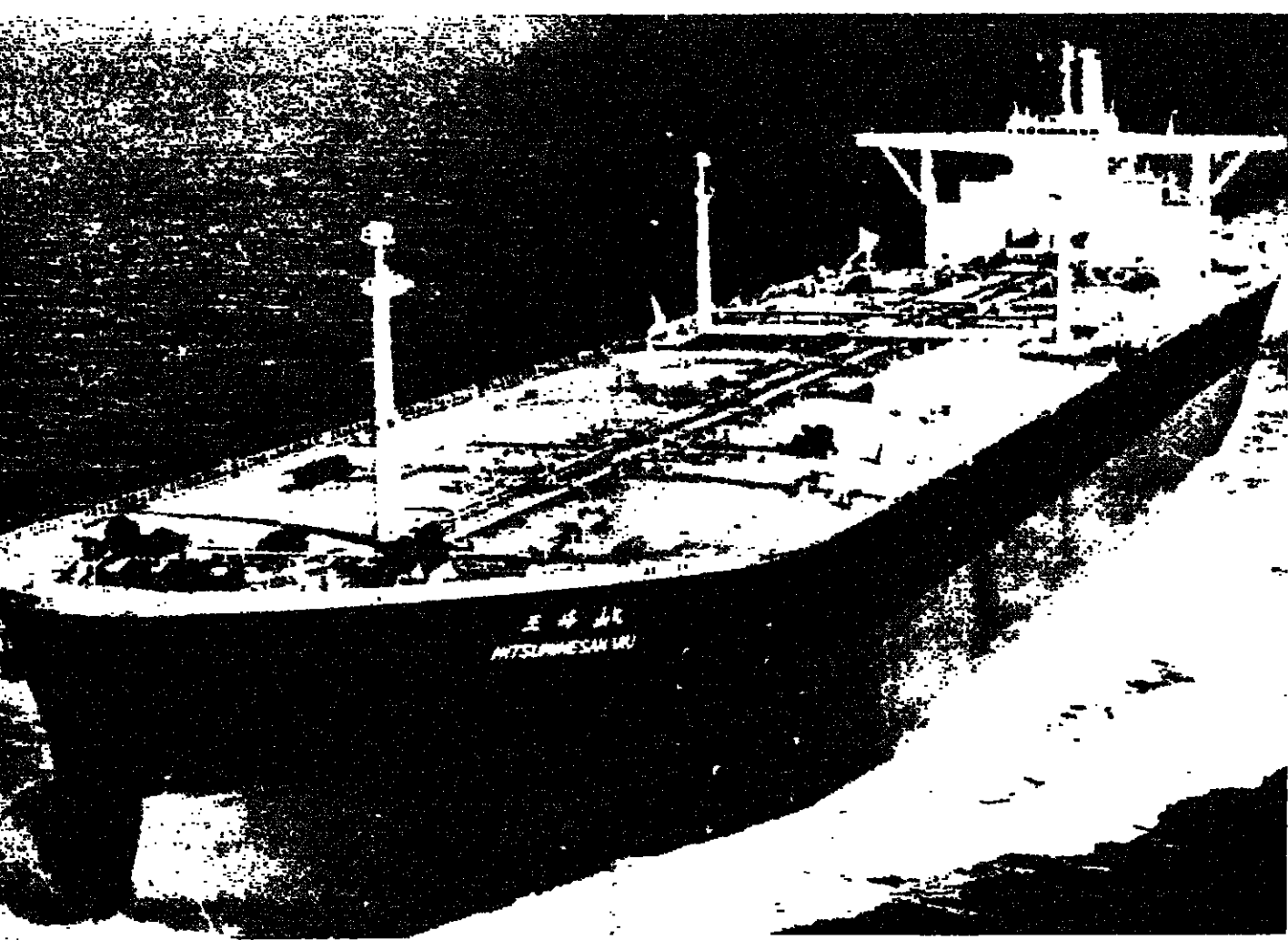
But activity has not been stopped by the war. The Gulf countries have agreed that the planned KAP anti-pollution projects can still go ahead — through bilateral arrangements with UNEP.

If the Kuwait Action Plan were pushed aside, the long-term effects might be much more damaging than the devastation of war. For the Gulf is one of the world's most fragile and endangered environments. Much more of the headlong and uncontrolled development which has taken place in the area for the last 10 years could damage it beyond recovery, says UNEP.

Urban growth has outstripped existing facilities for sewage and rubbish disposal, though the authorities are struggling hard to catch up. In Kuwait and Qatar, new sewerage systems will soon be operational. But Bahrain — where the sewer network is due for completion in 2008 — still dumps 75 per cent of its sewage, untreated, into the Gulf.

Far more serious are wastes from the Gulf's booming industries. Few states yet have many pollution controls. Liquid industrial wastes can pollute the

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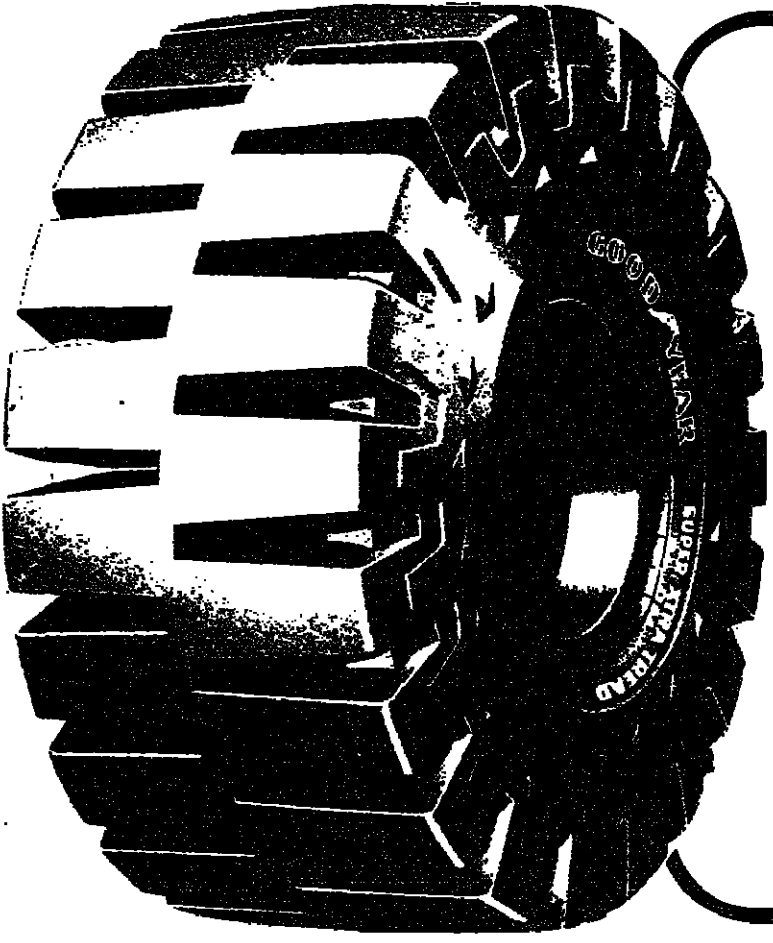
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# ECONOMY

## Rough sledding for Saudi oil price plan

KUWAIT, May 5 (R) — A Saudi Arabian did to drive down oil prices met opposition today when Arab oil ministers gathered for talks in Kuwait ahead of a May 25 meeting of OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

Oil Minister Abdussalam Zagnar of Libya was asked if he would cut his price of \$41 a barrel, the highest of any OPEC member, as part of a compromise deal within the 13-nation oil exporter group.

"I don't think so," he told Reuters. "But we have to sit down and talk in a closed room and may be we will find a good settlement. We are not thinking of a price cut right now."

Arab oil ministers are arriving in Kuwait for a formal session tomorrow of their nine-nation Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

It does not fix prices but Gulf oil analysts predicted there would be informal discussion of the issues which will confront what is likely to be a stormy OPEC session in Geneva on May 25.

While a recession-led fall in world oil demand has created a glut on the market, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani has said he will not cut Saudi output below a huge 10.3 million barrels a day (b/d) until the rest of OPEC falls into line with moderate Saudi ideas on prices.

Seeking a more orderly OPEC price structure, he has been saying that a gap between the Saudi price

of \$32 a barrel and top rates like Libya's must be narrowed by price cuts.

OPEC analysts have suggested that the idea of a freeze by others while the Saudis catch up would win more support.

Gulf oil analysts forecast that in the informal exchanges here Algeria would join Libya in vigorously opposing the Saudi campaign and that Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah would probably tell Sheikh Yamani he

would not accept a price cut.

Kuwait has already been hit by the Saudi-engineered glut. Western oil companies last month refused to buy Kuwaiti crude that carried a premium above the official Kuwait price of \$35.50 a barrel.

The glut last month forced non-OPEC producer Egypt to shave prices and led the U.S. Ashland Oil Company to walk away from 30,000 b/d of high-priced oil from Nigeria, an OPEC producer.

London oil analysts said today that Nigeria, Algeria, Libya and non-OPEC Britain were especially vulnerable to the glut.

But these oils now looked over-valued in a range from Britain's \$39.25 to Libya's \$41 a barrel, the analysts said, noting that the Saudis, while talking of all-round price cuts, have been particularly insistent that narrower differentials be part of a new OPEC price package.

## Labour troubles in Sweden shake fragmented government

STOCKHOLM, May 5 (R) — Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjorn Faellin was confronted with labour troubles today as he tried to keep his fragmented coalition government from collapsing.

A trade union representing about 17,000 clerical workers in major exporting firms began an open-ended strike which could have serious effects on the country's already troubled economy.

Conservative Party ministers in the coalition of Conservatives, Liberals and Centrists resigned yesterday over a dispute on income tax reform.

Prime Minister Faellin postponed a decision on dissolving his government and said three solutions were possible—the gov-

ernment could resign, elections could be called or he could continue as leader with tacit Conservative support.

The Conservative Party Leader and Economic Minister, Goesta Bohman, led seven colleagues out of the cabinet. He has given no indication whether his party would continue to support the coalition in the Riksdag (parliament).

The Conservatives hold 73 seats, the Centrists 64 and the Liberals 38 in the Riksdag against the Social Democrats' 154 and the Communists' 20 seats.

Mr. Faellin said on television last night that apart from the week-old government crisis, Sweden faced the possibility of a crippling strike in key sectors of the

economy.

The clerical workers' strike followed a breakdown in negotiations with the employers federation (SAF) aimed at seeking a compromise over compensation for "wage drift"—the difference between actual earnings and basic wages—in the private sector.

SAF said it would impose a lock-out affecting between 200,000 and 250,000 of the trade union's 400,000 members from next Tuesday if no settlement was reached by then.

Firms which will be hit by the strike action are Volvo, Saab, L.M. Ericsson, Boliden and Atlas Copco—all big export earners for Sweden.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

### Brazil raises coffee export taxes

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 5 (A.P.) — Brazil yesterday raised its export taxes on both green and instant coffee effective today with the opening of business, the government announced.

The tax on green coffee was raised two dollars to \$173 per 132 pound (60 kg) bag. The tax on instant spray dried was raised 33 cents to \$3.24 per pound (450 grams). The tax on instant freeze dried also went up to \$3.37 per pound.

Brazil is the world's largest grower and exporter of coffee, and the United States is its major market.

### Cameroun opens its first oil refinery

DOUALA, Cameroun, May 5 (R) — Cameroun's development as an oil producer and exporter takes a step forward this month with the opening of its first refinery.

President Ahmadou Ahidjo is expected to open the refinery officially on May 16, although oil company sources here say the plant has already begun to operate and supplies of up to half the planned 40,000 barrel a day (b/d) output are flowing.

The refinery is expected to reach full production within three months.

With a total national consumption of only 30,000 b/d, Cameroun is likely to export its surplus refined oil to the Central African Republic and possibly Chad, refinery personnel say.

The refinery will be supplied with crude oil from Cameroun's Rio Del Ray fields, under development by Elf-Serepca, an affiliate of the French company Elf-Aquitaine, and Pecten, a subsidiary of the U.S. Shell Oil Company.

Five official statistics on Cameroun's oil production are given, but figures mentioned by President Ahidjo, and in line with industry estimates, put last year's production at 2.8 million tonnes, compared with 1.7 million in 1979.

Several companies are involved in exploration in Cameroun—Pecten, Elf-Serepca, Mobil, Total and Gulf. All production is shared with the state-owned Societe Nationale des Hydrocarbures, which owns 60 per cent of Rio Del Ray, currently the only operating field.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, May 5 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.1108.15	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2026.29	Canadian dollar	
	2.2613.85	West German mark	
	2.5200.20	Dutch guilder	
	2.5570.80	Swiss franc	
	5.3020.00	French franc	
	36.92.95	Belgian franc	
	1129.00/1130.00	Italian lire	
	217.75.95	Japanese yen	
	4.8640/55	Swedish crown	
One ounce of gold	476.50/478.50	U.S. dollars	

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 5 (R) — Equities and government bonds were sharply lower following yesterday's U.S. interest rate rises. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 16 points at 575.9.

However, equity dealers noted that selling was nowhere near as heavy as the index might suggest and the undertone remains firm. Engineers were particularly weak, with Tubes and Hawker Siddeley falling 16p and 14p respectively. British Aerospace and Shell both lost 6p.

U.S. and Canadians were quietly mixed. Government bonds closed 1/4 or 1/2 point off the bottom but falls of up to 2-3/4 points remained at the longer end, dealers said. Shorts were off about a point.

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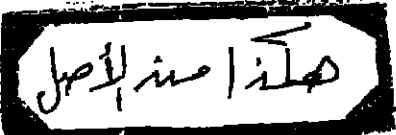
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# FEATURES

## Cheaper than machines

Miss Kim Hai Kwee, 19, sits hunched over her microscope. Jaunty music plays in the background and her head sways dizzily from hours of soldering gold wires to almost microscopic chips of silicon. Miss Kim is one of 100,000 workers in South Korea's export-orientated electronics industry. Some 90 per cent are young women aged 18 to

Heavy fumes are everywhere and the floors are wet and slippery. The women wear boots and gloves which sometimes leak, causing burns. The workers in these plants are exposed to some of the most dangerous acids and solvents, such as trichlorethylene, xylene and benzene, which cause nausea and dizziness. They have also been linked to cancer, and to liver, kidney and lung disease.

They work 8 to 10 hours a day, six days a week. In 1978, the average investment in Korean factories with less than \$4 a

month, which include only half pound of meat and no care or entertainment, eat less than Kim's entire wage. And women must support their families as well as themselves. A similar Korean assembly plant developed severe eye problems during their first year of employment: 88 per cent, chronic myopia, 44 per cent near-sightedness, and 19 per cent astigmatism.

Usually anyone who stays on for more than 3 years must wear glasses, and is called "graduated" by her friends.

One investment brochure by the South Korean government touts the "dexterity of the oriental woman" as an incentive for Western investors. In one factory, the dexterity consists of disassembling units in large open

The company refused to allow her to transfer to other work. When she visits the camp doctor, he tells her she has flu.

Over 40 per cent of the women come from rural areas to work for the \$2-a-day wages. When asked why they had left their families, they say there are no jobs back in the village. Most had never worked before. The electronics industry continually recruits young rural women -- which does nothing to help relieve the steady build-up of jobless in the cities.

Women workers have an average stay in the Malaysian factories of 1-2 years; the turnover rate is as high as 80 per cent.

The electronics firms glorify Western female stereotypes, stressing female passivity and emphasizing a paternalistic discipline. One company arranges cosmetics lectures and organises sports teams. Another offers free lipsticks for reaching production

goals. Beauty contests "Miss Motorola", "Miss National Semiconductor" are common and reinforce the Western ideals of consumerism and modernity over traditional Muslim values.

To meet production goals, many factories operate round the clock. Production quotas goad the women to ever higher targets. "If they say one hundred and we can do it, then next week they give us a lot more to do", Miss Azizah, 23, told one investigator.

These pressures pay off in profits. According to one plant manager in Malaysia, "One worker working for one hour produces enough to pay the wages of ten workers working one shift, plus all the costs of materials and transportation."

Although Taiwan prides itself on its "economic miracle" many of its women workers live in shabby dormitories on the outskirts of Taipei. Temperatures are over 100°F and there are no fans or adequate drinking water. The women are paid about \$60 a month for working 8 to 12 hours a day, six days a week. Life inside the sweltering dormitories is bleak, with over 10 people to a room and few opportunities to return to the countryside for visits with the family.

Factory managers praise the Taiwanese women workers highly. According to one personnel manager at the General Instruments plant: "This job was

done by boys two or three years ago. But we found that girls do the job as well and don't make trouble like the boys. They're obedient and pay attention to order. So our policy is to hire all girls."

It's no wonder the workers are praised for their docility. There is little alternative when strikes are forbidden and the death penalty invoked for inciting labour unrest.

Performance bonuses, often as much as one-fifth on the monthly wage, are often revoked for one day of tardiness, sickness or even personal leave or vacation.

In 1975, despite these rules women in the General Instruments plant organised the first walkout of an entire production line after the company decided to eliminate its bonus. When management realised the incident would damage the investment climate in Taiwan, they promptly negotiated a compromise and kept reports out of the press.

Companies like Fairchild Instruments boast they will be automating their assembly plants in the next ten years. But as long as wages are low and workers available and docile, the chances of being replaced by automated bonding machines are slim. As Miss Mac-fun, a Hong Kong assembly worker put it: "We girls are cheaper than machines. A machine costs over \$2,000 and would replace only two of us. And then they would have to hire a machine tender, for \$120 a month."

(News feature)

## Forced integration results in intentional segregation

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES — It began 31 months ago as part of a revolutionary American venture in education — to forcibly mix white, black and other ethnic groups of children in the classrooms to give them equal opportunities and a chance to know each other.

About 23,000 children in Los Angeles were transported to schools in outlying districts each day to create a more even racial balance in the classrooms.

Los Angeles, with its 550,000 students, was the biggest American city to integrate its school system in this way.

But in the first such reversal of its kind in a U.S. city, the venture here has been halted. Students are returning to their old schools, hundreds of thousands of dollars in transport costs have been wasted and the races seem as separated as before.

The people who supported integration are asking what went wrong.

"This has built the walls of segregation even higher and pulled us further apart," the only black member of the Los Angeles school board, Mrs. Rita Walters said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), which recently gave up an attempt to keep 7,000 students from returning to their old schools, has promised to continue its legal battle to integrate the classrooms.

But most legal experts here believe the battle is over, at least for this year.

Following the 1964 civil rights act and a series of legal tussles, a fleet of buses began moving the 23,000 children across the city in September, 1978.

Police cars kept watch outside schools, police helicopters hovered over bus routes and special police platoons stood by in case of trouble.

The children were forced to switch schools under what was known as the mandatory busing programme. Another 30,000 children, mostly from minority groups,

had earlier volunteered to change schools, mostly to improve their education.

The switch took place peacefully, apart from a few picketing parents. But several thousand children disappeared from the city school system in a so-called "white flight."

Some parents sold their homes and moved outside the "busing" area. Others moved their children into church and private schools, which charge up to \$4,000 a year to educate a child plus the cost of books and school uniforms.

Some parents, in the early days, formed home-teaching groups, often with the help of retired school teachers, to keep their children away from school.

An organisation called Bustop was formed to lead the fight against forced "busing" and to put up candidates for the school board.

Black and white minority group children often found their new schools in "white" areas had better facilities than their old schools.

But they also discovered the buses waiting outside the schools prevented them from taking part in many after-school activities, the main time for mixing.

Distances also prevented children of different races from visiting each other's homes. In the playgrounds, children often tended to keep with those of their own race, partly because of friendships formed on the buses.

"In the integrated schools, white kids went to one side of the schoolyard and black kids went to the other," State Senator Alan Robbins, an opponent of forced "busing," said.

But a group of black students in a predominantly "white" school who gathered round a reporter recently said they preferred their

new school, despite a 45-minute bus ride twice a day.

"We had a bad drug scene in my last school. I have learned more here and I get on well with the teachers and the students," a 14-year-old black girl said.

A group of white students said they wanted the black students to stay. The groups talked easily to each other.

But, last February, the California Supreme Court let stand an appeals court ruling upholding an anti-busing measure, known as proposition one, approved by state voters in 1979.

The proposition, a state constitutional amendment, required proof of intentional segregation before a mandatory "busing" programme could be ordered by the courts.

Civil rights groups have failed so far to convince the courts here the school board has been guilty of intentional segregation.

The school board which, partly through the efforts of Bustop, now consists of five members opposed to "busing" and only one advocate, Miss Walters, promptly voted for the children to return to their neighbourhood schools.

Seven thousand chose to return as soon as the Easter holiday ended and the remainder of the 23,000 were allowed to stay in their present schools until the school year ends in June.

Children who volunteered to go to other schools are expected to remain there, education officials said.

"This is the first time a court has sanctioned the undoing of a mandatory "busing plan," Mr. Mark Rosenbaum, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which supported the integration plan said.

"This will encourage other communities to try to pass laws similar to proposition one," he said.

Some education experts agree the switch in California could give a boost to opponents of forcible integration in other cities.

In the meantime, 23,000 school children here are renewing friendships with their neighbourhood teachers and mixing with old friends again.

(Reuter)



A television assembly factory in South Korea, where 90 per cent are young women.

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What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠A95 ♥KQ72 ♦K8 ♣10963  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
3 ♣ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠872 ♥KJ63 ♦954 ♣864  
Partner opens the bidding with one heart.  
What do you respond?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠6 ♥K763 ♦AK8 ♣AQ765  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠6 ♥5 ♦AKJ94 ♣AJ10762  
What is your opening bid?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠9872 ♥KQ ♦K63 ♣AJ54  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠J1072 ♥KQ72 ♦83 ♣A65  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♣ Pass ?

**THE Daily Crossword** By Susan Mindell

ACROSS  
1 Catch sight of  
5 Have fun  
9 Eastern prince  
14 Son of Jacob  
15 Get excited  
16 Sidestep  
17 Olympian  
18 Otis of baseball  
19 Cap peak  
20 Barely triumphs  
23 Numerical prefix  
24 Rubber trees  
25 Non-expert

DOWN  
1 Cabbage dish  
2 Scope or meter  
3 Baking compartment  
4 Paper hankies  
5 Entreaty  
6 Formando of films  
7 River in England  
8 Gypsum  
9 Disclose  
10 — Baba  
11 Barely succeed  
12 Be wild about  
13 Finch

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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**Andy Capp**

WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'RE USELESS?

ACTUALLY, YOU'RE VERY NECESSARY...

THIS WOULD BE A DRAB WORLD WITHOUT SONGBIRDS. BELIEVE ME, YOU ARE VERY NECESSARY...

NO, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN HAVE MONEY.

**Andy Capp**

TELL THE TRUTH, AUNTIE. I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE GOOD A HUSBAND AS SHE DESERVES.

DON'T BE SILLY, LAD. OF COURSE YOU WILL.

ANYWAY, IF YOU NEED A GUIDE, JUST KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR UNCLE ANDY—

AND DO THE OPPOSITE.

**Jeff**

JULIUS, YOUR TWIN BROTHER HAS GONE IN FOR CHEMISTRY!

RIGHT! HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO INVENT SOMETHING NEW!

JULIUS, WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT YOU DID?

DUNNO!

BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, IT'S BETTER NOBODY SHOULD EVER FIND IT OUT!

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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Print answer here: ○○○○○○○○○

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AROMA IRATE FASTEN DENTAL  
Answer: What the "dramatist" might have been—A "MAD ARTIST"

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# WORLD

In trial at Old Bailey

## Yorkshire Ripper claims slayings 'divine mission'

LONDON, May 5 (R) — Peter Sutcliffe, the killer known as the "Yorkshire Ripper," says he slew 13 women because it was a divine mission, the prosecution at his trial said today.

Attorney General Sir Michael Havers told the court when the trial resumed after a week's adjournment that Sutcliffe told doctors who examined him that he had been chosen for a divine mission to kill.

Sutcliffe has pleaded not guilty to murdering the 13 women but guilty of manslaughter — involuntary killing — on grounds of diminished responsibility.

He also pleaded guilty to the attempted murder of seven other women. The doctors unanimously agreed that he was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, Sir Michael said.

Sir Michael, opening the prosecution's case, said it was up to the jury to decide on the medical evidence it would hear whether Sutcliffe was genuinely mentally ill or "sought to pull the wool over the doctors' eyes."

"You have to decide whether," as a clever, callous murderer, he deliberately set out to create a cock and bull story to avoid conviction for murder," he told the jury of six men and six women, who were sworn in today.

He said that there were serious discrepancies between what Sutcliffe told police after his arrest in December and his account to doctors.

The doctors had given an accurate report of Sutcliffe's statements to them, but he did not accept their conclusion, Sir Michael said.

He told the court that Sutcliffe's wife Sonia had visited him in a prison hospital on Jan. 8 accompanied by a prison officer.

"During the course of that visit, Sutcliffe told his wife he was guilty of what he had been charged with. He also said he expected to get 30 years in prison, but if he could make people believe he was mad he would only get 10 years in a loony bin," Sir Michael declared.

Throughout this morning's proceedings at London's historic Old Bailey courtroom, Sutcliffe, dark-bearded and impassive, sat flanked by five policemen.

His 30-year-old wife, and her mother, Mrs. Maria Szurma, attended the start of the trial but later left.

The ripper killings, spread over six years, took place in northern industrial towns and terrorised women in the region.

Sir Michael said that some of the 13 victims, whose ages ranged from 16 to 47, were prostitutes. But the last six attacks from 1979 to 1980 were against women who were not prostitutes.

He said that Sutcliffe lured prostitutes to his car "on the pretext of having sexual intercourse with them. He invited them into the back seat and as they stooped to get in he would attack them from behind with a hammer."

He would then remove the victims' clothes before stabbing them with a knife or screwdriver so that they would "look as cheap as they are," he said.

The trial is expected to last a week.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

#### Jewish Defence League leader acquitted

LOS ANGELES, May 5 (A.P.) — Jewish Defence League leader Irv Rubin, who once offered \$500 to anyone who killed or maimed a Nazi, has been cleared of a charge of solicitation of murder. Mr. Rubin, 36, acquitted yesterday in Los Angeles superior court, made the statement in 1978 about one month before neo-Nazis were to march through the predominantly Jewish community of Skokie, Illinois. The Nazi march later was cancelled. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Newkirk, who prosecuted the two-day trial, said afterward that "Rubin's statement contained his own defence," referring to that portion of his tape recording that mentioned defence of the Jewish community. "To convict him I had to prove he had a specific intent to commit murder," the prosecutor said.

#### Bolivian army capture oilfield terrorists

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia, May 5 (A.P.) — Government anti-guerrilla units have recaptured Occidental Petroleum's "Tita" oilfield from some 50 terrorists who seized the area Saturday, demanding the government's resignation, according to officers taking part in the operation. The terrorists were taken prisoner and some of the government forces, including Col. Gary Prado, commander of the Eighth Division army in Santa Cruz, were gravely wounded. None of the 52 plant workers taken hostage by the guerrillas were reported harmed, the officers, who asked not to be identified, said. There was no immediate word on terrorist casualties.

#### Boat-people landing reach 18-month high

KUALA LUMPUR, May 5 (A.P.) — A total of 3,500 Vietnamese refugees in 63 boats landed in Malaysia during April, the largest number to arrive in a single month in 18 months, refugee officials said today. In the first five days of May, 130 landed, according to officials. In April arrivals exceeded departures by about 2,000, pushing up the Vietnamese boat people population in Malaysian camps to 11,652, well below the peak of 76,000 in mid-June 1980 according to officials. Of those who left, 800 went to the United States, which has taken more than 65 per cent of the 10,000 Vietnamese refugees who have passed through Malaysia, they said. Another 539 left for Australia and the rest went to various other countries. Malaysia does not allow permanent settlement by boat people.

## Yugoslavia marks Tito's first death anniversary

BELGRADE, May 5 (A.P.) — Sirens sounded throughout Yugoslavia yesterday, marking to the minute the first anniversary of the death of President Josip Broz Tito.

President Cvjetin Mijatovic said the country was continuing Gen. Tito's independent foreign policy "without hesitation, without stopping."

Mr. Mijatovic spoke at a commemorative meeting of Yugoslavia's national assembly. Communist Party organisations, factories, businesses and schools throughout the country also conducted memorial meetings.

The country's sirens wailed exactly at 3:05 p.m., the minute of Gen. Tito's death one year ago in a Slovenian hospital at the age of 87. In Belgrade, the federal capital, a 21-gun salute was fired.

At the time of his death, Gen. Tito had ruled for nearly 35 years and was the only leader communist Yugoslavia had ever had. His personal stature and charisma were credited for knitting together an ethnically diverse nation. In foreign affairs, he charted a course independent of the Soviet Union.

At a Belgrade military gathering, Gen. Nikola Ljubovic, the defence minister, echoed the rhetoric of Gen. Tito's politics.

Yugoslavia, he said, was ready "at any moment to oppose all attacks on the integrity of our country."

Gen. Ljubovic, one of the key figures in Yugoslavia's post-Tito leadership, said that although Yugoslav armed forces would not fight abroad or intervene in any other country, "our borders are sacred."

Yugoslavia was expelled from the communist bloc in 1948 after refusing to submit to Soviet directives. The Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies imposed a political and economic blockade, but Yugoslavia maintained its autonomy with the help of Western arms and support and eventually achieved a partial reconciliation with the Warsaw Pact countries.

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## Mrs. Gandhi leaves for Europe amid security controversy

NEW DELHI, May 5 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi left for Europe today amid unusual security precautions following government claims of an alleged plot to kill her.

The 65-year-old prime minister is scheduled to make official visits to Switzerland, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, marking the first tour by an Indian government leader of the oil-rich Gulf region where more than 50,000 Indian nationals are employed.

Tomorrow, she will deliver the keynote address at the World

Health Organisation assembly in Geneva, then continue to Bern and Zurich as guest of the Swiss government. She is scheduled to leave Switzerland for Kuwait May 9 and return to India May 13.

Concern over security prompted the advancement by 90 minutes of Mrs. Gandhi's departure from Delhi military airport, in a pouring rain, and a switch from the Air India four-jet Boeing 707 used to carry India's prime minister abroad to a much smaller Boeing 737 of the domestic carrier, Indian Airlines.

Five senior Air India engineering and Security officials were fired last week and four of the international airline's employees were arrested after the government announced that vital control cables had been sabotaged on a Boeing 707 scheduled to carry Mrs. Gandhi to Europe.

Newspapers and opposition poli-

icians, however, challenged the government's claim that the damage was proof of a plot against Mrs. Gandhi, pointing out that the disabled jetliner was scheduled to make many regular flights prior to her departure.

Three opposition parties staged a walkout from the Rajya Sabha (Upper House) yesterday protesting that the government's explanations were incomplete.

Home Affairs Minister Zail Singh said the possibility of "a foreign hand" in the affair was among matters under investigation.

There was no announcement of Mrs. Gandhi's exact itinerary but some reporters were told that her short-range jet would stop at Muscat and at Larnaca, Cyprus, en route to Geneva. Other reports said a larger Air India plane had been readied for her at Bombay, suggesting she might change planes somewhere on the way.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Ipswich to meet AZ '67 Alkmaar

IPSWICH, England, May 5 (R) — Soccer purists can look forward to 90 minutes of sheer delight when England's Ipswich meet newly-crowned Dutch champions AZ '67 Alkmaar in the first leg of the European Football Union (UEFA) cup final here tomorrow. The UEFA cup, rather unfairly, is often considered the least glamorous of the continent's three club competitions, but it is doubtful whether the Champions' or Cup-Winners' cups have ever boasted two more skilful finalists.

Alkmaar, who clinched the Dutch League title at the weekend in runaway fashion, they still have six games to play, could stockpile an impressive silverware collection by the end of the season.

With the UEFA cup firmly in their sights, they are also in line for a place in the Dutch cup final on May 28, having drawn 2-2 in the semifinal first leg.

Ironically, Ipswich were enjoying similar dreams just a few weeks ago. But sleepless nights were ahead as they were knocked out of the Football Association (F.A.) cup semifinal by Manchester City after extra time then surrendered the league title to Aston Villa.

That nightmare finish was due, in most part, to a cruel injury jinx and at times manager Bobby Robson must have imagined he was reporting for work in a hospital casualty ward rather than a football dressing room.

Scottish fullback George Burley and England international Kevin Beattie missed most of the campaign while Dutch star Frans Thijssen and English trio Mick Mills, Paul Mafiner and Erik Gates were absent for crucial games.

Burley and Beattie will be restricted to the role of spectators against Alkmaar, but the other four should be fit.

#### Penske-Cosworth hits 318.183 kmh mark

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5 (A.P.) — Bobby Unser demonstrated yesterday that he could join the elite group of three-time winners of the Indianapolis 500 by topping the 317.032 kmh mark in his first practice session here this year. He says he's ready for the May 24 race. Unser, driving one of the three Penske-Cosworth 985 entered by the Penske racing team, was among the first drivers on the track as the third day of practice for the 65th running of the Indianapolis 500 began. He quickly topped the 305.767 kmh mark which had been set by his boomer, Al, at the end of Sunday's session. A lap of 313.91 kmh soon followed, and the record field of 105 entries had a new mark to aim at. And by the time the track closed, Bobby had been clocked at 318.183 kmh.

## Haig rules out early resumption of SALT

ROME, May 5 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said today that American willingness to discuss European-based missile with Moscow did not mean President Ronald Reagan was ready to resume negotiations on the stalled SALT treaty.

The SALT problem was both technical and "clearly related to Soviet international behaviour overall and in East-West relations," he said.

"I do not foresee a resumption of such talks in the immediate future," Mr. Haig told a press conference at the end of the first NATO council meeting he has attended as secretary of state.

Foreign ministers of the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation nations warmly welcomed a U.S. decision to open talks with the Soviet Union by the end of this year on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles based in Europe.

Mr. Haig told the NATO meeting yesterday he intended to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in New York in September to discuss fixing a date and procedures for the missile talks.

European NATO governments have put President Reagan under strong pressure to start the missile negotiations as soon as possible.

## Madrid steps up war on ETA

A barrier of suspicion and misunderstanding dogs any real solution to the problem of Basque autonomy and threatens to undermine any achievement by the security forces in subduing ETA.

By Robert Graham

MADRID: Returning to Madrid from the Basque country is depressingly reminiscent of returning to London from the Catholic areas of Belfast. Basques continue to regard the central government in Madrid — and the rest of Spain — with mistrust and contempt.

The feeling is mutual. With disarming frankness, one prominent Basque politician commented: "South of the Ebro (which divides the Basque country from the rest of Spain) they are all Moors." In Madrid, an equally responsible member of a main political party sighs resignedly: "The Basques are mad. They are willing to destroy democracy just to get a little more freedom from Madrid."

This barrier of mutual suspicion and misunderstanding continues to dog any real solution to the problem of Basque autonomy, and threatens to undermine any achievement by the security forces in subduing the militant Basque separatist organisation ETA.

The Basque country is experiencing its tensest moments since just before the death of Gen. Franco, when a state of emergency was introduced.

The Spanish government, under strong military pressure, has declared virtual open war on ETA. Special army units, totalling some 2,000 men, have been drafted in with helicopters, patrols and cross-country motorcycles to control the rugged Pyrenean mountain border with France. Seven Spanish warships have moved into the Basque coast to police maritime traffic. Special units of the para-military Guardia Civil have now been seconded to the Basque country.

A new anti-terrorist command, grouping the various independent

intelligence operations of the National Police, Guardia Civil and armed forces, has been set up. And finally, Parliament has just passed sweeping legislation imposing tougher sentences on people aiding and abetting terrorism.

The excuse was the upsurge of ETA action against the armed forces after the abortive Feb. 23 military coup. Two colonels were killed in Bilbao and Pamplona as they came away from attending mass. But the absence of new legislation would have obliged the government to resort to one of three types of control for the Bas-

que country — a state of alarm, emergency, or siege.

These would take about a month to pass through Parliament, but the likelihood is still strong that one may be used. Any of the three would effectively suspend constitutional liberties in the Basque country.

The hard-line military wing of ETA, responsible for most assassinations over the past five years, is increasingly isolated. The same applies to its political front, Herri Batasuna, the loose radical grouping which accounts for a hard core of about 25 per cent of the Basque vote.

The political-military wing of ETA, organically distinct, has declared a ceasefire since the coup attempt, warning of the dangers of

provoking the armed forces. So has its principal political ally, the left-wing Euzkadi Euzkerra party.

The popular attitude to ETA was also graphically expressed two months ago when 200,000 people demonstrated in Bilbao against the assassination of Mr. Jose Maria Ryan, a nuclear engineer at the Lemonz nuclear plant.

The Basque country is increasingly wearied by ETA's violence and intimidation, which has contributed to the collapse of investor confidence.

Bilbao is full of declining or closed businesses which no one will buy, flats for sale at below purchase price, and prestige office blocks unlet.

In Spain's industrial heartland, the centre of the steel and engineering industries, this has given

a new edge to the four-year recession which has made almost 14 per cent of the workforce

The most open challenge to government, and indeed to the future of the Basque country, comes on the Lemonz power plant. Lemonz, 17 kilometres from the centre of Bilbao, is near completion. Iberduero, the private utility, has invested over \$1 billion in the plant, the biggest single investment in the Basque country. The plant is already over four years behind schedule, not least because of ETA attacks.

ETA wants the plant scrapped and is waging a bitter campaign against Iberduero. In the first three months of 1981 alone it attacked over 30 Iberduero installations in the Basque country, causing over \$1 million worth of damage.

Police action against ETA goes only so far. So long as France offers a safe haven, the security forces have their hands tied. On the night of the coup 26,000 crossed the frontier into France for fear of arm-reprisals.

Intimidation thrives, in the first of revolutionary taxes on industrialists and businessmen, which the French authorities refuse to interfere with. ETA bank accounts in St. Jean de Luz.

But ETA has probably already taken the precaution of establishing an alternative operational base in Belgium.

Members of the Basque National Party believe the government's refusal to speed up the creation of an effective Basque police force can have only negative results.

Perhaps more serious is a feeling that a restrictive government approach to devolution, coupled with repressive measures by the army and security forces, will alienate the residual feeling of trust towards Madrid, permitting or forcing all Basques to close ranks against the real enemy.



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